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ART UNIT 1634**

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BIOACTIVITY OR BIOMOLECULE

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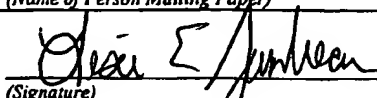
**RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed herein on July 21, 2004, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page two of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page seven of this paper.

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